

Remarks/Arguments

The above amendments have been made in accordance with the Examiner's comments and suggestions in the Office action and to include new seasonal measurements and information now available. The title (name) has been changed to 'Honeysweet' in order to more accurately reflect flavor characteristics of the fruit.

A new Declaration is submitted herewith.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn and the application allowed to issue. If any issues remain to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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